each nrom October. 1988 onwards. The company has been paying interest at 17 per rent per annum payable quarterly.

Bid for acquiring ACC convertible debeuixres by Kachhaldara Tradiag Limited

SHRI 15HAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRl B1R BHADRA PRATAP SINGH;

will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government s attention has rican drawn to the cover page of Illustrated Weekly of India of June 26—July 2, 1988 issue under the heading ACC-what Went Wrong regarding Rs. 7 crore bid for acquiring ACC convertible debentures by Kachhaldara Trading Limited;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kachhaldara Trading Limited is a 100 per cent subsidiary of Bombay Bitrmah Trading Corporation Limited whose Chairman is a British citizen:

(c) whether it is also a fact that Unit rust of India/Banks advanced the said amount for purchasing of convertible debentures of ACC in contravention of Government s policy that public financial institutions shall never extend loans to private companies for acquiring shares nl other companies; and

(d) if so, whether Government will hold an inquiry into the matter and arrange to get back the loans given to Kachhaldara Trading Limited ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):
(a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Income-tax arrears

2482. SHRI M. A. BABY; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

a) the. income-tax arrears of Indian Film personalities and Central Ministers, if any; and

(b) the details of the income-tax raids conducted during the last six months Mid the results achieved;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE-: MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) (a) Income-tax. arrears in respeet of Film personalities who **owo** more than Rs. 10 lakhs each are Rs. 10.88 crores as on 31-3-1988 (out of which Rs. 7.48 crores had either not become due nil payment or recovery thereof had been stayed).

Regarding income-tax arrears of Cent-ral Ministers, all of them are not assessed at any particular place since they may be filling their tax returns where they were assessed prior to becoming Central Ministers. There is no special cell in the Department where such information regarding Central Ministers is collected collated. However, income-tax de-I of Rs. If) 146/- only is outstanding against Central Ministers assessed at Delhi.

(b) Dining the period 1st February, 1988 to 31st July, 1988, 3574 searches .. conducted. Assets worth Rs. 81.28 were seized. Concealed income to the tune of Rs. 125.35 crores was surrendered during the course of these searches.

Crimes in Union Territories

2483. SHRl M. A. BABY: Will the aster of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of crimes reported in all the Union Territories of India during the last six months alongwith details thereof and the position last year during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); The requisite information is contained in the statement attached.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Union Territory	No. of Total Cognizable Crimes reported under IPC during 1-1-87 to 30-6-1987	No. of Total Cognizable Crimes reported under IPC during 1-1-1988 to 30-6-1988
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Island	317	304
2.	Chandigarh	480	698
3.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	238	277
4.	Delhi	13,761	12,623
5.	Daman & Diu	N.A.	63
6.	Lakshadweep	17	N.A.
7.	Pondicherry	[illegible]	1,361
	TOTAL	[illegible] 140	15,35[illegible]

NB [illegible]

(ii) [illegible] schedule in May, 1987 thus was [illegible] from [illegible]

Spraying of copper fungicides in the rubber estates

[illegible] SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware [illegible] indiscriminate spraying of [illegible] the rubber estates [illegible] 10 years [illegible] content has been [illegible] rubber soils, which results in health hazards to the plantation labourers;

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated [illegible] the dangerous situation of high copper content of the soils where rubber is grown; and

(c) what is the permissible level of copper content in rubber soil and what is the present position in different plantation in our country where fungicides are used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) The spraying of copper fungicides in rubber plantation is unavoidable in view of the necessity to control certain serious fungus diseases. The copper residue in certain rubber soil, is reported to have increased from the initial 14 PPM to 77 PPM during the last 8 years. However no health hazards to plantation labourers working in these plantations have been reported so [illegible] level has been fixed for copper content in the rubber soil because it is effective and economical [illegible] out on plantation crops.

Export of man-made fibre

[illegible] SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete steps [illegible] of Polyester Staple fibre [illegible] and other yarns in view of large unutilised capacity in certain sectors of [illegible] after the [illegible] of export of these items;

(b) whether any export has materialised; and

(c) whether any administrative measures are taken to implement the announced Export Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Exports of Polyester Staple Fibre and Polyester Filament Yarn are allowed within a quantitative ceiling.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Cash Compensatory Support @ 5 per cent on Polyester Staple Fibre and @ 8 per cent on Polyester Filament Yarn has been announced with effect from 8-6-88. The annual ceilings for their exports in the current year have also been announced.